2276 given the Rajya. Sabha on the 17th December, 1993 and state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not yet received the decision of the concerned Administrative Ministry for redressal of the grievances of handicapped employees in PSUs ;

(b) whether certain PSUs have been dragging the handicapped employees in court case without giving them the sym-pathits, as they might be. deserving;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what further steps would be taken to resolve such disputes even outside the courts ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) to (d) The redressal grievances of employees of the Public Sector Undertakings (PSUs) including handicapped employees falls within the adipinistrative ambit of the concerned PSU. If any complaint is received in the Ministry of Welfare the same forwarded to the concerned administrative Ministry/DepU. for remedial action.

Central scheme for assistance to voluntaiy Organisations

5207. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any Central Scheme for providing assis.ance to voluntary Organisations engaged in serving persorts with cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation for manpower development ; and

(b) if so. the retails thereof .'

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) Under the Scheme, assistance is given to voluntary organisations for manpower development in the field of Cerebral Palsy and Mental Retardation to the extent of 100 per cent. .Assistance is given only to :hose teachers training courses which are recognised by Rehabilitation Council of India. The applications are onsidered for grant oa being recommended by the concerned State Govemments/ UTs. In the year 1993-94, 10 voluntary organisations were assisted with Rs. 30 lakhs.

District RcliabiTitat|ion Scheme

5208. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had launched the District Re habilitation Scheme in early 1985 for pro viding a package of rehabilitation services to the rural disabled ;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made in this Scheme so far, including the names of the States in which the scheme is under implemen tation and the number of Districts covered under the' scheme ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) Yes Sir,

(b) There are ll District Rehabilita tion Centres working in 10 States. The scheme envisages services to locomotor disabled speech & hearing impaired, visu ally impuned, mentally handicapped and multiple handicapped persons. The Ser vices provided under the Schems are placed as Statement-I *(See* below). Apart-from that there are 4 Regional Rehabili tation Training Centres (RRTCs) in Lucknow, Madras, Cuttack and Bombay to provide technical support to the District Rehabilitation Centres in the area of trained professional manpower, paramedi cal and field workers.

(c) The progress made so far under the scheme is placed as staiement-II and statemest-.III

Statement-I

Services provided to the handicapped persons under the District Rehabilitation .Centre Scheme.

(a) Prevention and Early Detection;

(b) Medical Intervention and Surgical Correction ;

(c) Fitment of Artificial Aids and Appliances ;

(d) Therapeutical Services such as Physio Therapy, Speech Therapy and Occupational Therapy ;

(e) Provision of Educational Services in Special and Integrated Schools;

(f) Provision of Training for Acquisiiion of skills through Vocational Training, Job Placement in local Industries. and Trades with proper liniages with outgoing Trainuig and Employment programmes;

(g) Provision of Self Employment opportunities and Bank loans;

(h) Establishing a meaningful linkage with existing Government Schemes such as Disability/Old age pension, Scholarship, etc.; and

(i) Creation of awareness, involvement of the Community and Family Counselling.

Statentent-II

Progressive Report of Eleven DRCs
(Since Inception to Dec, 93)

Name of the DRC	Date of Inception	No. of Assessment Clinics conducted	No. of Disabled Evaluated	No. of Disabled Served
Vijaywada (A.P.)	July, 1986	437	5521	3505
Bhiwani (Haryana)	January, 1986	947	11391	4340
Mysore (Karnataka)	January, 1985 (Started as Rural Project in 1983)	1185	18771	7240
Bilaspur (M.P.)	February, 1986	831	10183	3994
Virar (Maharashtra)	1985 (Started as Rural project in 1983)	1732	14146	5768
Bhubaneshwar (Orissa)	January, 1985 (Started as Rural Project in 1983)	964	12406	6254
Kota (Rajasthan)	March, 1986	665	17695	11085
Chengalpattu (T. Nadu)	1985	877	9928	6551
Jagdishpur (U.P.)	December, 1988	598	10985	2683
Sitapur (U.P.)	April, 1985	1692	17687	13357
Kharagpur (West Bengal)	1985 (Started as Rural Project in 1983)	1588	14757	7045

Statement -III

Numbers of persons trained by four regional rehabilitation'raining Centers (Since Inception to Dec., 93)

Name of the RRTC	Village Rehab. Workers (VRWs)	Field Functionaries of DRCs i.e. MRAs, MR Tech. MR Therapists (Upto April 91)	Instructors of Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) (May 91 to Dec. 93)	Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) May, 91) to Dec., 93)	Others like SOs, ANMs etc. (May, 91 to Dec., 93)
Bombay	622	52	98	2716	935
Lucknow	315	12	113	4351	1307
Cuttack	742	57	81	5363	405
Madras	610	45	118	2918	1056
Total :	2289	166	410	15348	3703

Modernisation of ALIMCO

5209, MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state ;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Artificial Limbs Maufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) is manufacturing artificial limbs and rehabilitation aids of standard quality;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Corporation is incurring cash losses every year in addition to its accumulated losses;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps Government propose to take in this regard;

(d) whether Govenment have any proposal for modernisation of the Corporation; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU) : (a) *Yes,* Madam.

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) The details are given in the enclosed statement *(See* below).

(d) Yes, Madam.

(e) One Crore was released for modernisation of ALIMCO by the Government during 1992-93 & 1993-94. The funds were for replacing old and obsolete machinery by advanced technology, for creating new *production* facilities to meet the mar-Icet demands and for computerisation of office for men and material management.

Statement

	Upto 31 st March, 93	Provisional for 1993-94 (up to Feb. 94)	Total (Rupees in lakhs)
Losses on a/c of interest on loans & depreciations	1298.69	179.72	1478.41
Cash losses	1423.41	57.26	1480.67
Total accumulated losses	2722.10	236.98	2959.03